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SUBJ : EMBASSY RETURN TO PRETORIA

FOR AF/S AMBASSADOR HURD FROM CHARGE

1. YOU WILL HAVE SEEN SEPTTEL REPORTING ELECTION DATE OF APRIL 24. IT NOW APPEARS THAT PARLIAMENT WILL RISE DURING LAST WEEK OF FEBRUARY, PROBABLY ON 27TH. RESERVATION RUSH THEREFORE ON AND WE HAVE HAD TO MOVE QUICKLY. HAVE NOW OBTAINED FIRM RESERVATIONS FOR YOU AND REST OF EMBASSY STAFF ON MARCH 6 BLUE TRAIN, WITH PACKING ON MARCH 4-5. THIS WILL RUSH THINGS SOMEWHAT, BUT NO RPT NO RESERVATIONS AVAILABLE DURING FOLLOWING WEEK. BRITISH, FRENCH AND OTHER MISSIONS ALSO RETURNING DURING FIRST WEEK MARCH.
2. PARLIAMENT WILL BEGIN HOLDING NIGHTLY SESSIONS AS WELL THIS WEEK, THUS PRECLUDING ATTENDANCE BY MINISTERS AND MPS AT FUNCTIONS WE HAD PLANNED FOR LAST WEEK FEBRUARY. WILL ADJUST THEM ACCORDINGLY BUT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE INDICATIONS OF PRIORITIES RE HIS VISIT FROM KAISER ASAP.
3. WE HAVE NOT RPT NOT YET RECEIVED RESPONSE RE COUNSELOR TITLE FOR CPAO PETERSON. TIME PERMITTING, WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR EXPLORING THIS WHILE IN DEPARTMENT.

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